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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: APPARATUS FOR SIMULATING THE
DEFORMATION OF MATERIALS,
NOTABLY OF SOFT BODY TISSUES
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 5, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application. A petition for an extension of time is submitted herewith making this response timely.

Amendments to the Abstract are presented as a new Abstract attached to this document to replace the previously submitted Abstract.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the substitute specification attached to this document to replace the previously submitted Specification.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this document and include attached replacement drawing sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: